

September 30, 2010

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Room 1A, East
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Western Area Power Administration
Docket No. RM01-5-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

In compliance with Order No. 714¹ and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) March 19, 2010 "Order Establishing Baseline Filing Schedule Starting April 1, 2010" in Docket No. RM01-5-000 (March 19 Order), the Western Area Power Administration (Western) hereby submits the baseline eTariff version of its non-jurisdictional Open Access Transmission Tariff, which was previously filed with the Commission in Docket No. NJ10-1-000 (Tariff).

This submission is made to comply with Order No. 714, and contains no revisions beyond what is included in Western's Tariff currently before the Commission in Docket No. NJ10-1-000 (2009). While the Commission has not issued an order on Western's Tariff, Western placed its tariff into effect on December 1, 2009, and requested a corresponding effective date from the Commission in its filing. Western has been operating under the terms and conditions of that Tariff since that date. As such, the Tariff is the existing Tariff that Western is currently using to provide open access transmission service.

I. Background.

In Order No. 714, the Commission adopted regulations requiring federal power marketing administrations to submit electronic versions of their open access transmission tariffs and certain other documents.² Submissions were to occur over a six-month period commencing on April 1, 2010.³ The Commission further clarified in the March 19 Order that entities that did not submit a proposed date for making their electronic filing within the six month window would have until September 30, 2010 to do so.

¹ *Electronic Tariff Filings*, Order No. 714, III FERC Stats. & Regs., Regs. Preambles ¶ 31,276 (2008).

² *id.* at P 15.

³ *id.* at P 104.

II. Baseline eTariff Filing

Western submits an electronic version of the following document that comprises Western's baseline eTariff:

- Currently effective Western non-jurisdictional Open Access Transmission Tariff, Issued on September 30, 2009, and effective December 30, 2009.

In accordance with Order No. 714, Western submits its baseline electronic tariff in segregated sections.⁴

III. Additional Information

A. Petition for Exemption from filing fees

Western hereby seeks an exemption in lieu of paying a filing fee applicable to petitions for declaratory orders. As an agency of the United States Department of Energy, Western is engaged in official business of the Federal Government in filing this petition making a baseline filing of its Tariff. Western is an agency of the United States and, therefore, is exempt from filing fees.⁵

B. Effective Date

Western requests that the revised Tariff become effective on December 1, 2009.

C. Request for Waiver of Service Requirements

A copy of this filing letter will be posted no later than September 30, 2010 and be made available for public inspection on the Western internet site at www.wapa.gov/transmission/oatt.htm, thereby providing notice to Western's customers. In addition, an announcement that the filing is available for review at the Western internet site will be posted on Western's various OASIS sites. Therefore, Western will not file a copy of this tariff upon all interested parties.

D. Contents of the Filing

Along with this transmittal letter, the documents submitted with this filing include an electronic baseline version of the currently effective Western non-jurisdictional Open Access Transmission Tariff Issued on September 30, 2009, and effective December 30, 2009

⁴ id. at P 34-35.

⁵ 18 C.F.R. §§ 381.102(a), 381.108(a), and 381.302(c) (2010).

E. Communication

Western requests that all correspondence, pleadings, and other communications concerning this filing be served upon:

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Lakewood, Colorado, this 30th day of September, 2010.

By: _____

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